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1. DATT MET WITH DMI TODAY AND DMI CONFIRMED THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY DELEGATION WAS ASSESSING SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND WAS NOT AN AD ANCE PARTY FOR EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT OF TROOPS. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IS DUE BACK NEXT FRIDAY (15 APRIL). THE RESULTS OF THIS MISSION WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY DATA UPON WHICH SENIOR LEVEL OF GOE CAN BASE GO OR NO-GO DECISION. DMI SAID "WERE ARE NOT SURE WHAT THE TERRAIN IS LIKE. IF IT IS JUNGLE WE CAN'T SEND OUR TROOPS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO FIGHT IN THAT ENVIRONMENT.
AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL DATT WILL DEBRIEF DMI AND REPORT WHEN EGYPTIAN TEAM RETURNS.
COMMENT: PROSPECT OF GETTING INVOLVED WITH SOVIET BACKED CUBAN TROOPS IN ZAIRE BOTHERED DMI. HE WAS ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT ZAIRE WAS SO PUBLIC WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SUPPORT - TODAY'S CAIRO NEWSPAPERS CLAIM MOROCCAN TROOPS ENTERING ZAIRE. ACCORDING TO DMI THIS PUBLICITY WILL PROVIDE SOVIETS AND CUBANS RATIONALE TO SUPPORT KATANGAN REBELS. THIS ATTITUDE REFLECTS THE EGYPTIAN PREFERENCE FOR EXTREME SECRECY IN ALL THINGS MILITARY AND WAS PROBABLY PROPELLED BY HIS CONCERNS ABOUT
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SOVIET BACKED CUBANS.

2. DURING CHAT AT AIRPORT WHILE AWAITING SADAT'S ARRIVAL AFTERNOON APRIL 9 MINISTER WAR GAMASY VOLUNTEERED TO CHARGE THAT YESTERDAY REUTERS HAD INQUIRED ABOUT REPORT FROM KINSHASA THAT EGYPT WOULD BE SENDING TROOPS. GAMASY HAD AUTHORIZED

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RESPONSE THAT SMALL MILITARY SURVEY TEAM HAD BEEN SENT
BUT STORY ABOUT TROOPS WAS WRONG. GAMASY GAVE
STRONG IMPRESSION THAT EGYPT DID NOT PLAN TO SEND
TROOPS, THOUGH CHARGE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK HIM
ABOUT EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS IN VIEW OF INSTRUCTIONS IN
REF B. GAMASY DID NOT ASK FOR OUR VIEWS ON SUBJECT.
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